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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA TO THE
SECRETARY

1. ENGLISH TEXT OF FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA'S LETTER TO
THE SECRETARY OF JUNE 6 FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR HENRY: ONLY NOW, I RESPOND TO YOUR
LETTER OF APRIL 29, 1974, AS I WAS WAITING TO HEAR YOU WERE
BACK IN WASHINGTON AFTER THE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE MIDDLE
EAST. THUS I CAN NOW RESUME OUR CORRESPONDENCE WITH EVEN
GREATER PLEASURE: THAT OF PROCEEDING WITH THE PLEASANT
AND CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE STARTED IN WASHINGTON, AND OF
BEING ABLE TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON THE GREAT SUCCESS OF THE
NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL AND SYRIA. I AM WELL AWARE OF THE
TREMENDOUS DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS AND
WHICH YOU HAD MENTIONED TO ME IN ATLANTA, IN THAT SPIRIT OF
FRANKNESS THAT HAS, FROM THE START, CHARACTERIZED OUR
EXCHANGES. SUCH DIFFICULTIES GREATLY ENHANCE THE RESULTS
ACHIEVED, WHICH AMOUNT NO DOUBT TO A PERSONAL SUCCESS FOR
YOU. ALL THOSE WHO ARE CONCERNED WITH THE MIDDLE EAST
QUESTION AND WHO YEARN FOR PEACE IN THAT AREA ARE REJOICING
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OVER YOUR SUCCESS.

3. UPON MY RETURN FROM ATLANTA I TALKED WITH PRESIDENT GEISEL. HE CONCURS THAT WE SHOULD STUDY A MANNER WHEREBY WE COULD MAKE OPERATIONAL THE IDEA OF A CLOSER COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS ON THE LEVEL OF CONSULTATIONS. FOR THAT PURPOSE, WE WOULD EVEN BE WILLING TO CONSIDER THE CREATION OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THIS WOULD ALLOW US TO BETTER FULFILL THE DESIRE ON THE PART OF BOTH OUR COUNTRIES TO BE EQUAL PARTNERS IN JOINT UNDERTAKINGS.

4. AS TO THE IDEA OF MAINTAINING PERSONAL CONTACT THROUGH AN EXCHANGE OF PERIODIC VISITS, I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THE MOMENT WE CAN ANNOUNCE IN BOTH CAPITALS YOUR VISIT TO BRAZIL, WHICH, ACCORDING TO THE CONCLUSION I DREW FROM OUR CONVERSATION, COULD TAKE PLACE IN THE SECOND HALF OF THIS YEAR, AFTER THE OPENING SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS. I AM CONVINCED THAT YOUR VISIT TO BRAZIL WOULD DECISIVELY CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS A BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND CLOSER COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS.

5. I AM AWARE OF YOUR PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE NEXT MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE MULTINATIONALS. AS YOU KNOW, WE ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO BOTH COMMITTEES, WHOSE TASKS, IT MIGHT BE ADDED, ARE CLOSELY INTERRELATED ON MANY LEVELS. I DO HOPE THAT ALREADY DURING THE MEETING OF THE FORMER IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, IN BRASILIA, OUR DELEGATIONS WILL BE ABLE TO WORK IN CLOSE HARMONY AND SPURRED BY THE MUTUAL DESIRE TO COOPERATE. CORDIALLY YOURS, ANTONIO. END TEXT.

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